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LETTER

The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

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09/965,880	XERZ 2 00456
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The subject matter contained in each of these co-pending U.S. Patent Applications is related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

These co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing these co-pending application to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning these co-pending applications. 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd, 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if said co-pending

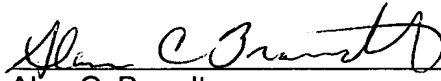
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Respectfully submitted,

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